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TOPIC Brandenburg-Arado Airfield

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1. The Brandenburg-Arado (N 53/Z 23) airfield was occupied in late December 1949 by a few fighters of the same type previously stationed there. The hangars were closed. The field was lightly guarded. A change of personnel was under way at the air force military post. Between 15 and 22 December 1949 more than 100 officers and EM left in groups of from ten to twenty men via civilian trains from the Brandenburg railroad station toward Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60).
2. Three jet fighters made frequent training flights in mid-December 1949. Description: Long, slim fuselage, conspicuously high rudder assembly, slim wings set at acute angle to fuselage and bent upward.
3. Weather was hazy and there was a light snowfall on 11 January 1950. There was no flying at the field between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Hangars were closed. A single-engine low-wing monoplane with in-line engine and covered with tarpaulins was parked between the hangars. Local residents said that fighters were parked in the hangars.
4. The old tanks of the gasoline dump, which was especially well guarded, were being replaced by new and larger ones. The concrete runway was in poor condition, some of the cracks in it were overgrown with weeds. No motor vehicles were seen at the field.

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a. Report confirms previous assumption that the fighter regiment formerly stationed at the field has been transferred. the regiment is now stationed in Brandenburg-Briest.

b. The shipment of personnel toward Magdeburg is reported for the first time.

c. The appearance of jet fighter aircraft in Brandenburg has been confirmed. The jet planes are assigned to the fighter regiment stationed in Brandenburg-Briest.

d. The removal of fuel tanks is very probably connected with the transfer of the fighter regiment. It has been repeatedly observed that the air units took their fuel containers along with them.

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From the alleged installations of new containers it is considered possible that Brandenburg-Arado is scheduled to be occupied by a new air unit.

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